

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A three-way stopcock for medical use comprising:

a primary arm and two secondary arms meeting at and integral with a body, wherein the primary and secondary arms are configured and arranged to receive an intravenous catheter and two supply catheters, respectively; and

a plug disposed within the body, wherein the plug is configured and arranged for being externally activated by a handle;

wherein the principle arm and the secondary arms can be brought to selectively communicate with each other or be disconnected, and wherein the two secondary arms protrude diametrically opposite from the body, wherein the tangent of both arms nearest the body is perpendicular to the principal arm, wherein each secondary arm has (i) a proximal segment adjacent to the body that is curved and flexible, and (ii) a distal segment integral with the respective proximal segment and having an end with means for coupling to a corresponding catheter, wherein the two distal segments can be configured essentially parallel to each other and the primary arm, wherein the two proximal segments can be oriented in a direction perpendicular to the principal arm.

2. (Previously Presented) The three-way stopcock according to claim 1, wherein the secondary arms are made of medical grade polymer.

3. (Previously Presented) The three-way stopcock according to claim 1, wherein the plug presents in its interior inner channels an interior configuration in the form of inverted “V”, wherein the branches are slightly arched.